

1 & 2 TIMOTHY

BE A DISCIPLE | MAKE DISCIPLES

Suffering Well (3)

PASSAGES

2 Timothy 3:1-9

PRINCIPLE

An effective discipleship community suffers will by rejecting influencers who oppose the truth of the Gospel.

PREPARE (MC LEADER)

1. Before leading your group into studying the passage, take some time to study and pray through the passages yourself.
2. Consider these questions as you engage with the passages that you will discuss with your MC.
 - What do these passages tell me about discipleship?
 - What do these passages tell me about how I am to respond?
 - What do these passages confront in my thinking in regards to discipleship?
 - How might I better accept and entrust my mind, will, and emotions to these principles?

DISCUSS (GROUP)

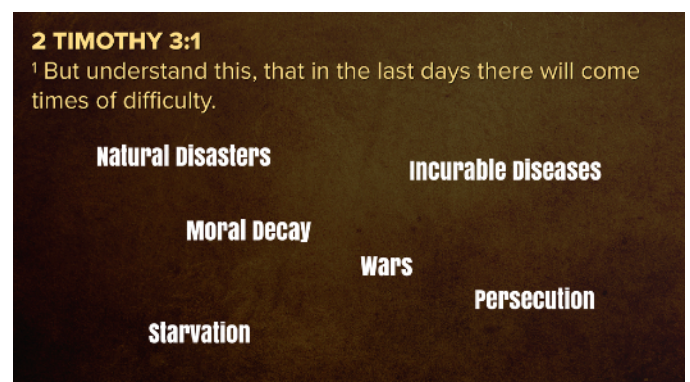
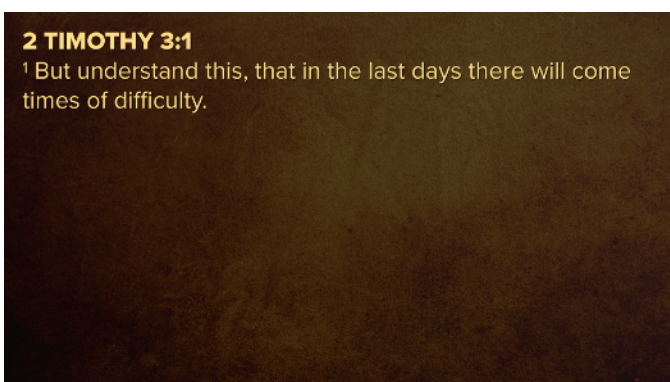
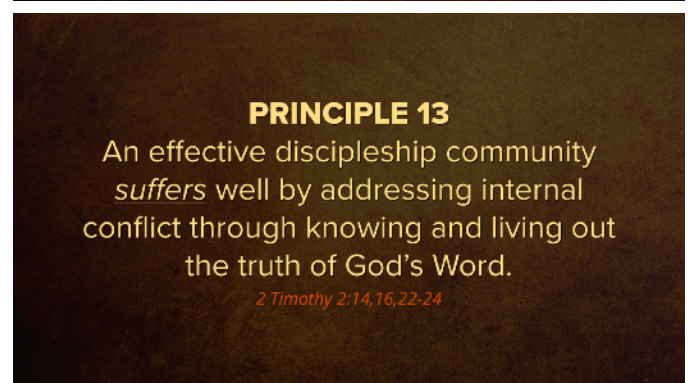
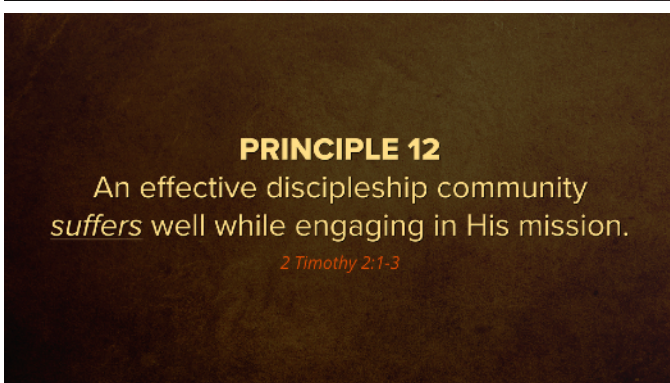
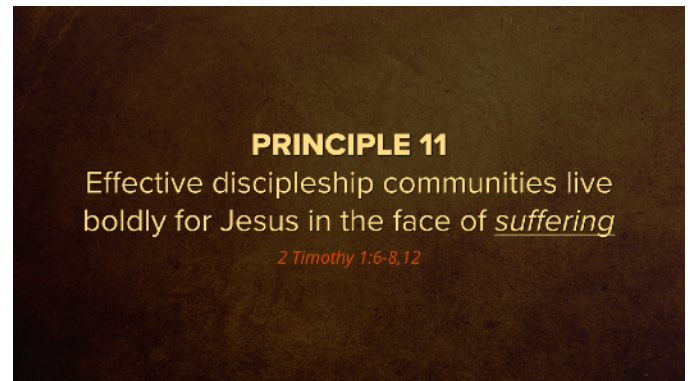
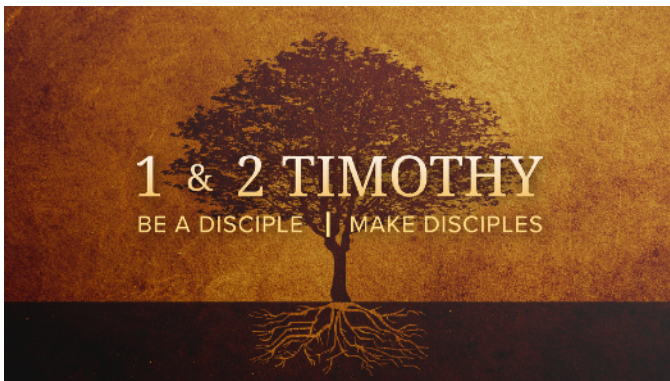
1. Review the main principle from the central teaching. (Support with a few key verses)
2. Open up for discussion, questions, or comments about the central teaching.
3. Consider these discussion leading questions to help your MC engage with the main principles presented in the central teaching.
 - According to these passages, what is it about weak/foolish people that makes them a target for being taken captive by influencers outside the church?
 - Would you consider yourself to be a weak/foolish person?
 - How is Paul's advice for dealing with opponents inside (2 Timothy 2:25-26) the Church different than dealing with influencers outside the Church?
 - How can you identify outside influencers who make their way into the Church?

- What are the challenges in rejecting outside influencers who make their way into the Church?

APPLY (GROUP)

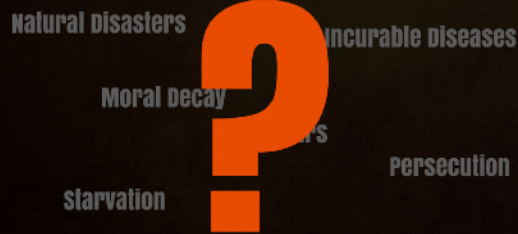
1. Share your own personal reflections/convictions related to accepting these propositions about being and making disciples.
2. Lead others in recognizing their personal struggles with considering and accepting what God is saying in regards to being and making disciples. The point here is to spur on some thinking/discussion that will allow the Holy Spirit to bring about some conviction.
3. Discuss action steps that might need to be taken as individuals and as an MC. Be as practical as possible and consider ways to both encourage each other (pray, text, call, etc) and also hold each other accountable to the actions steps (next week follow-up, etc).

PRESENTATION SLIDES



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Does this mean that we shouldn't hang out with unbelievers?
Matthew 28:19. "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..."

Unbelievers to Avoid:

- Put on a show of godliness only for the purpose of gaining something in return (an audience to hear them, money, importance, pleasure, etc.)
- Talk a good talk, but don't support any of their claims of expertise from Truth in the Bible
- Take advantage of the weaknesses of others
- Oppose the Truth in both speech and actions
- Work to gain an audience who will listen to them

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Natural Disasters

Incurable Diseases

Times of Difficulty - The church having to deal with outside influencers:

1. Plethora of external content - books, Internet, social media, etc.
2. People who make their way into the Family of God

2 TIMOTHY 3:9

⁹ But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

PRINCIPLE 14

An effective discipleship community suffers well by by rejecting influencers who oppose the truth of the Gospel.

2 Timothy 3:2, 5, 8

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